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## **TEXARKANA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO GUN SHOP BURGLARY**

(Texarkana, TX) **NATHANIEL RASHAD CLEVELAND**, a 21-year-old Texarkana, man pleaded guilty to theft from a licensed firearms dealer today before United States Magistrate Judge Caroline Craven. Cleveland and co-defendant Zachary N. Gooden were indicted by the federal grand jury on January 6, 2006. Cleveland was also charged with being a prior convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

On February 8, 2005, Cleveland, Gooden and Michael Martin burglarized "Les's Gun and Gear" located in Texarkana, Texas. The three men entered the building through a skylight in the ceiling, evading the gun shop's internal security and safety measures. Cleveland, Gooden and Martin stole four .40 caliber semi-automatic pistols, four .45 caliber semi-automatic pistols, and one .357 caliber revolver from Les's Gun shop. Several of the weapons were used later in other crimes. Zachary Gooden pled guilty to this offense prior to today's hearing and Michael Martin is being prosecuted by the Bowie County District Attorney's office.

Cleveland has one prior felony conviction and faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000.00 fine in this case. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Texarkana Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant.

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